

Central Falls Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the *2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

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- 20th annual publication
- 70 indicators across 5 areas
- City and town-level information

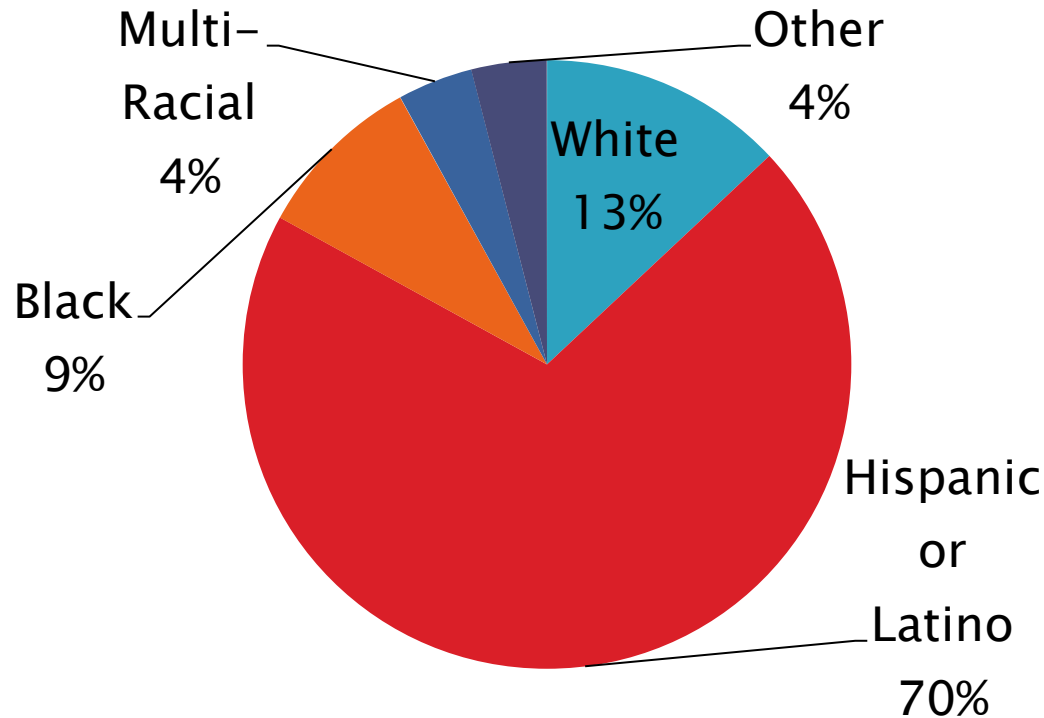


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Family and Community

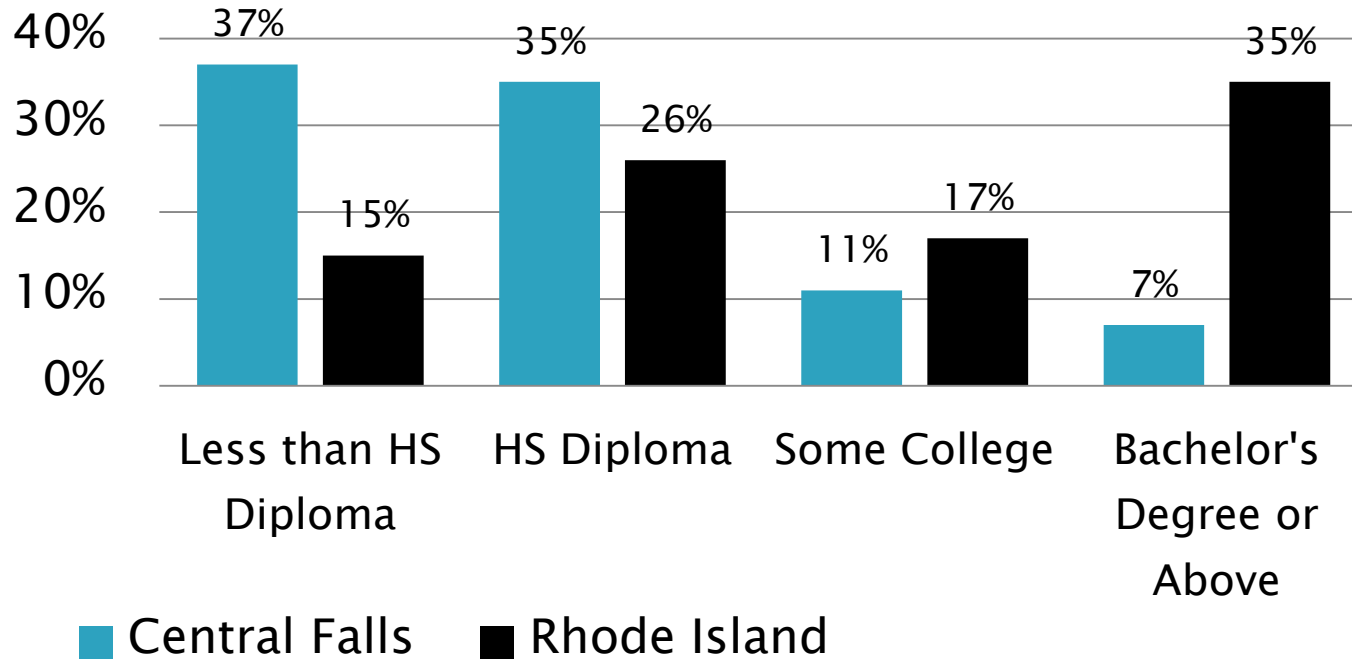
Child Population, 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

- 1 of only 3 communities with increasing child population.
- Increasing percentage of population is Hispanic/Latino.

Mother's Education Level, 2008–2012



- Strong links between parental education levels and child well-being



Economic Well-Being

Child Poverty Defined, 2013

- **Poverty level**

- \$18,769 for a family of 3
- \$23,624 for a family of 4

- **Extreme poverty level**

- \$9,385 for a family of 3
- \$11,812 for a family of 4

- ***2012 Rhode Island Standard of Need***

- Single-parent family with 2 children would need \$49,272 a year to meet its basic needs

Concentrated Child Poverty

- Almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island's children living in poverty live in just 4 cities.

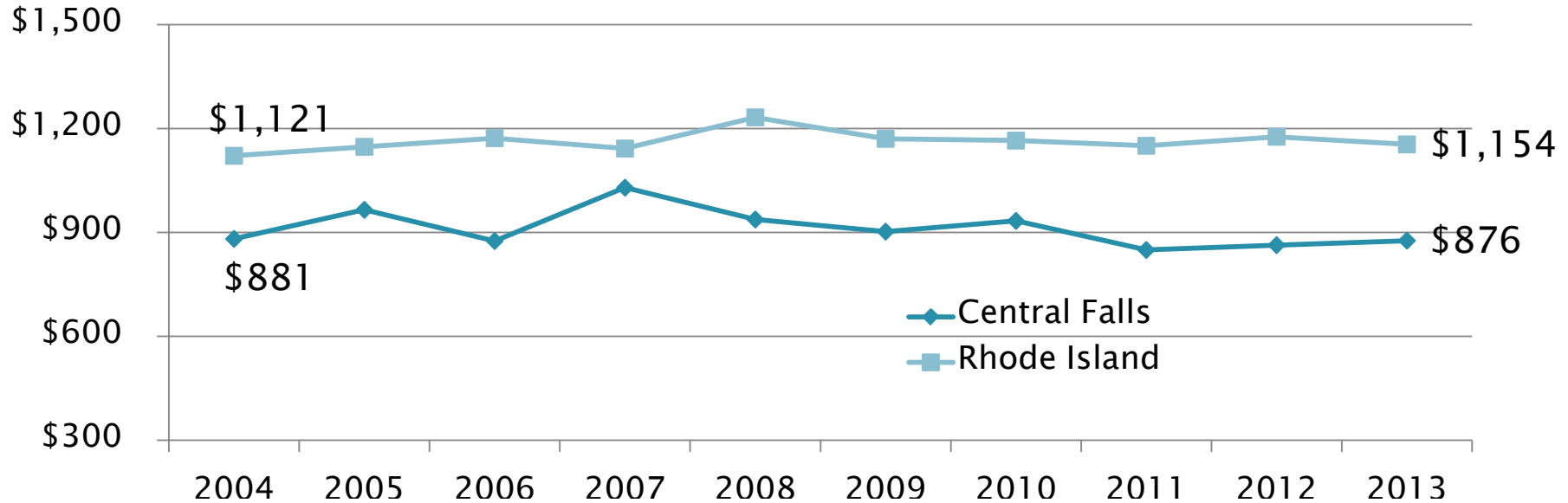
Child Poverty Concentrated in Four Core Cities, Rhode Island, 2008-2012

CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,213	41.5%	980	18.4%
Pawtucket	4,293	27.4%	2,059	13.1%
Providence	15,151	37.2%	7,309	17.9%
Woonsocket	4,013	39.0%	1,919	18.7%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>40,317</i>	<i>18.4%</i>	<i>18,494</i>	<i>8.4%</i>

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of 2008-2012 American Community Survey data.

Cost of Housing

Average Cost of a Two-Bedroom Apartment
2000-2012



To afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden...

- A worker would need to earn nearly 3 times the state's 2013 minimum wage of \$7.75 per hour.

A family of three living at the poverty level in Central Falls...

- would have to devote 54% of its household income to the cost of rent.

Homeless Children

In 2013, 1,117 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

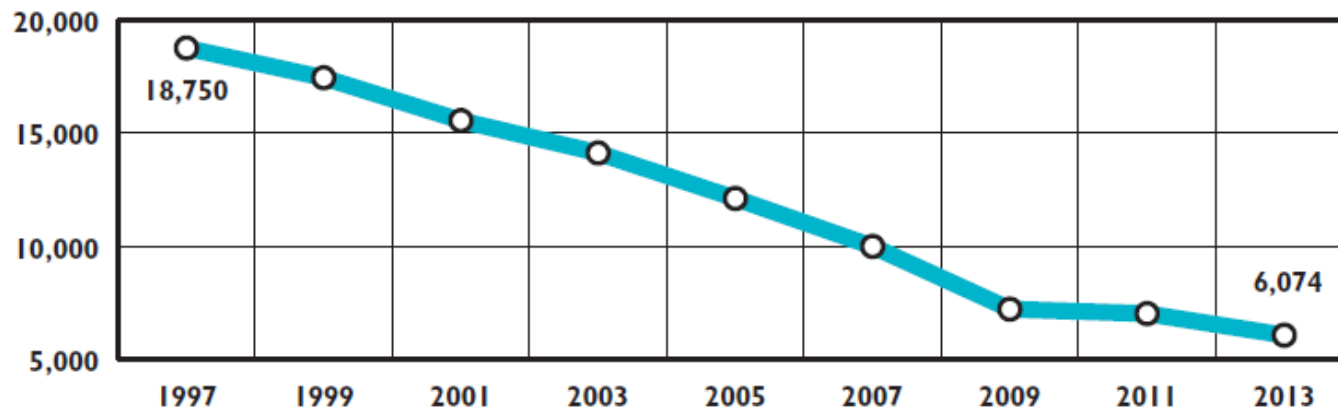
- Central Falls was the last permanent residence for an estimated 47 of these children.

During the 2012–2013 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 923 children as homeless.

- Central Falls Public Schools personnel identified 38 children as homeless.

Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

Cash Assistance Caseload, Rhode Island, 1997-2013*

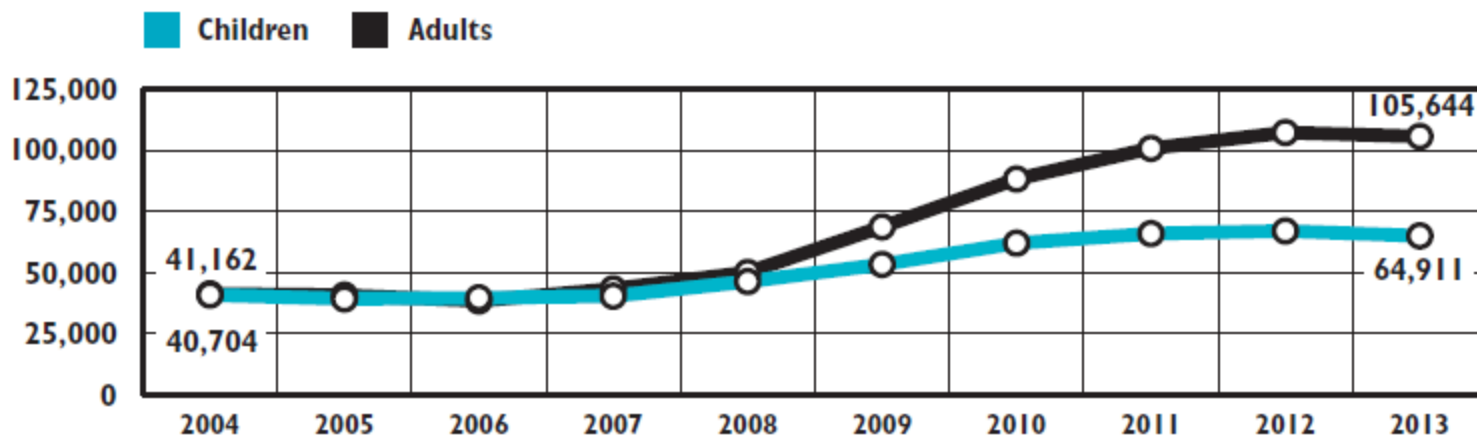


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1997-2013. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. *The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 2012 Factbook. This change is reflected in 2010-2013 caseload data. Comparisons to earlier years should be made with caution.

- 67% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- 69% of RI Works beneficiaries are children under age 18.
- In SFY 2014, for the fifth year in a row, the state budget included no state general revenue for cash assistance.
- 10% (551) of children in Central Falls receive cash assistance.

Children Receiving SNAP Benefits

Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Children and Adults, Rhode Island, 2004-2013



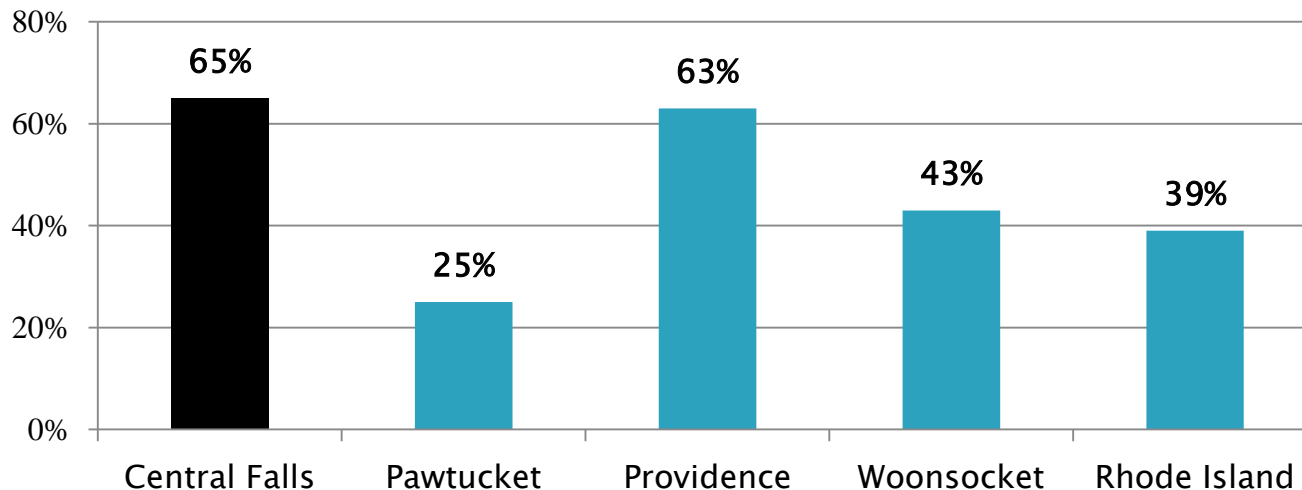
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2004-2013. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.

In October 2013

- 3,502 Central Falls children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 50% increase from 2008, and a 1.2% increase from 2012.

The School Breakfast Program

% of Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2013



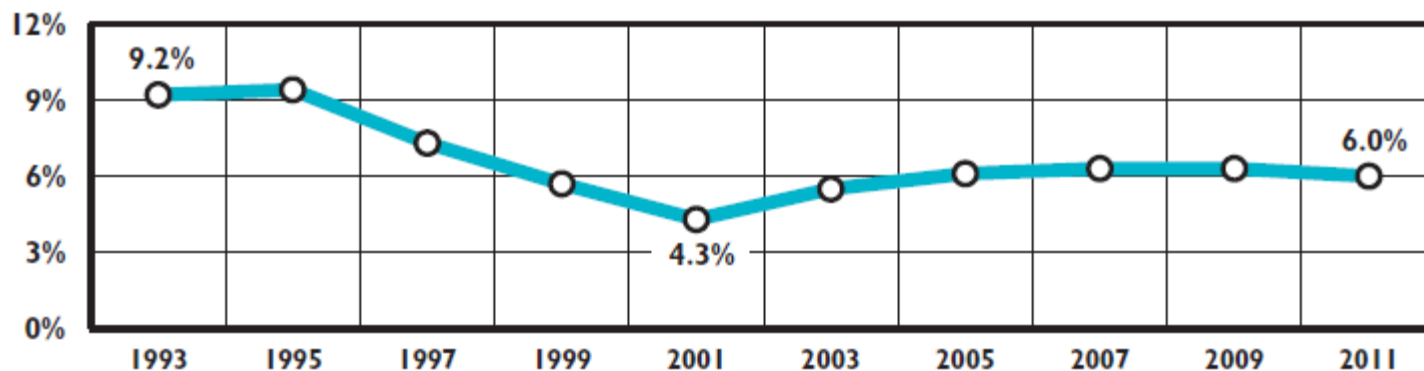
- Central Falls is one of five school districts in Rhode Island which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.
- Offers in-classroom breakfast in all elementary schools, an effective strategy for increasing participation.



Health

Children's Health Insurance

Children Without Health Insurance, Rhode Island, 1992-2012



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1992-2012, three-year averages (labeled by the mid-point year), compiled by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT. Data are for children under 18 years of age.

- **In Rhode Island in 2013**
 - 5.4% of children under age 18 were uninsured
 - Rhode Island ranks 16th best in the country
- Children in families with incomes up to 250% FPL are eligible for Rlte Care.

Accelerated Rlte Care Renewals



42,000 families covered by
Rlte Care in 2013

(4,357 children in Central Falls)

Must renew July – December 2014



Renew Rite Care Resources Available

Flyers

ACT NOW!
Renew your Rite Care



If your family had Rite Care in **2013** you need to renew your Neighborhood or United insurance.

There's a new way to renew and people to help you.

- Renew over the phone:** It's fast and available in your native language. 1-855-651-7879. Available Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday Noon - 6pm.
- Renew in person:** Call the contact center (1-855-651-7879) to make an appointment at their office in Providence or with an escort (navigator) in your community. The contact center is open Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday Noon - 6pm. You can also go to your local DHS office.
- Renew online:** www.ohhsat.gov/renew
Be sure to call 1-855-651-7879 if you need help when you are online.

Renew Now! Once you get a yellow notice from the state, renew right away. If you got a notice and didn't renew, re-apply now. You don't have to wait for a notice, you can renew now. If you are not sure, call 1-855-651-7879.

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¡DECIDA AHORA MISMO!
Renueve su Rite Care



Si su familia tuvo Rite Care en **2013**, necesita renovar su seguro Neighborhood o United.

Hay una nueva manera de renovar y gente dispuesta a ayudarlo.

- Renueve por teléfono:** Es rápido y accesible en su lengua materna. 1-855-651-7879. Disponible de lunes a sábado de 9am a 5pm, y domingo desde el mediodía hasta las 6 pm.
- Renueve personalmente:** Llame al centro de contacto (1-855-651-7879) para solicitar una cita en la oficina de Providence o con un escolta (navegador) en su comunidad. El centro de contacto está abierto de lunes a sábado de 9am a 5pm, y los domingos desde el mediodía hasta las 6 pm. También puede visitar su oficina local del DHS.
- Renueve en línea:** www.ohhsat.gov/renew
Asignese de línea a 1-855-651-7879 si necesita ayuda cuando está en línea.

¡RENUÉVELO AHORA MISMO! Una vez que recibe una notificación amarilla del estado, renuévelo inmediatamente. Si recibió una notificación y no lo renovó, vuelva a presentar la solicitud ahora mismo. No tiene que esperar la notificación, puede renovarlo ahora mismo. Si no está seguro, llame al 1-855-651-7879.

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Social Media

Did you have Rite Care in 2013?



If you haven't renewed your coverage, do it now!

LEARN MORE: tinyurl.com/RenewNowFlyer

¿Tenía Rite Care en 2013?



¡Si no ha renovado su cobertura, hágalo ahora mismo!

Más información: tinyurl.com/RenovarAhora

Recorded Webinar



Help Families Renew Their Rite Care Insurance:
A Webinar for Community Helpers

September 8, 2014

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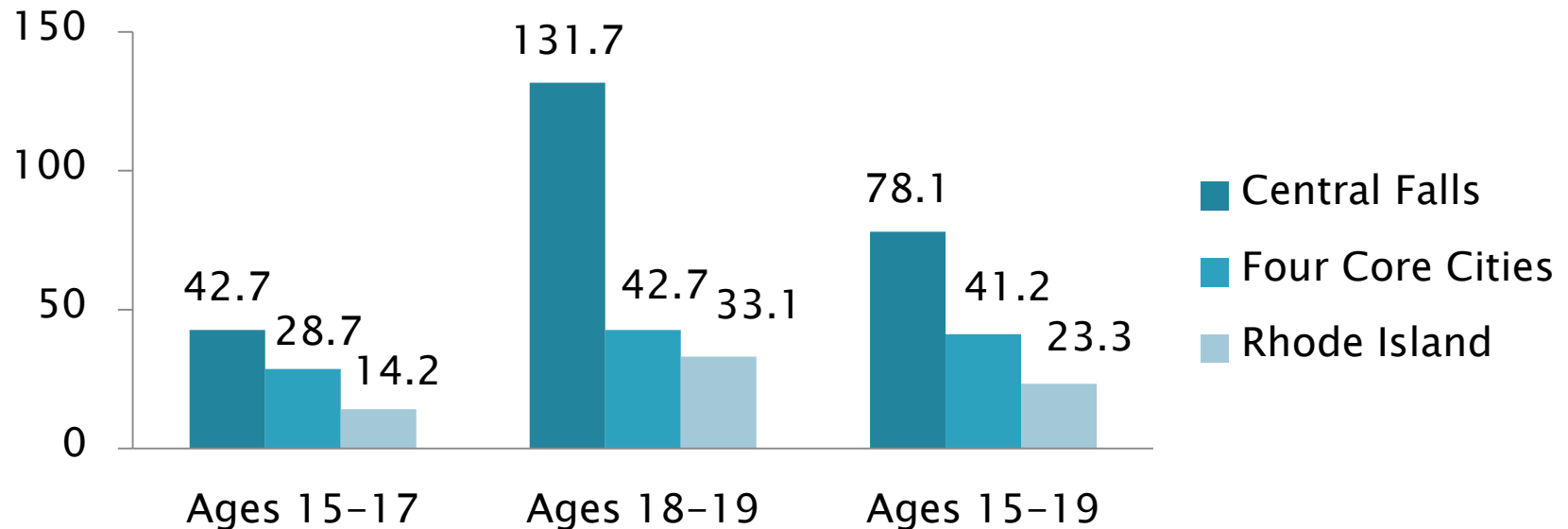
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Birth to Teens

Births per 1,000 teen girls, 2008–2012



- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Central Falls.
- Central Falls continues to have the highest teen birth rate in the state for all age groups.

Infants Born at Highest Risk

Mother:

Under Age 20

Unmarried

Without High School
Degree

Child:

9 times more likely to grow up in poverty

More likely to suffer from abuse or neglect

Less likely to be ready for school at kindergarten entry

Less likely to perform well in school

Less likely to complete high school

In 2013...

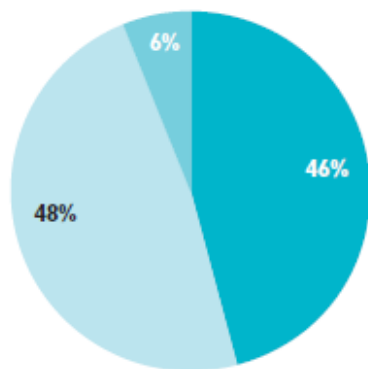
- 290 (3%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors.
- **24 (8%) of Central Falls babies were born at highest risk.**

Evidence-Based Home Visiting

Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs, Rhode Island, October 2013

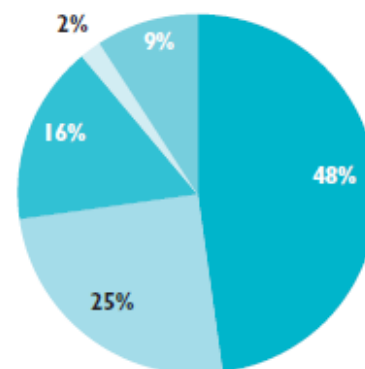
By Maternal Age at Enrollment

46%	Under Age 20
48%	Age 20 to 24
6%	Over Age 24



By Maternal Education Level

48%	Less than high school/GED
25%	High school or GED
16%	Some college/vocational training
2%	Four year college degree
9%	Unknown



n=288

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, October 2013.

- 38 Central Falls families enrolled in one of the three Maternal Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)-funded evidence-based home visiting programs in Rhode Island.

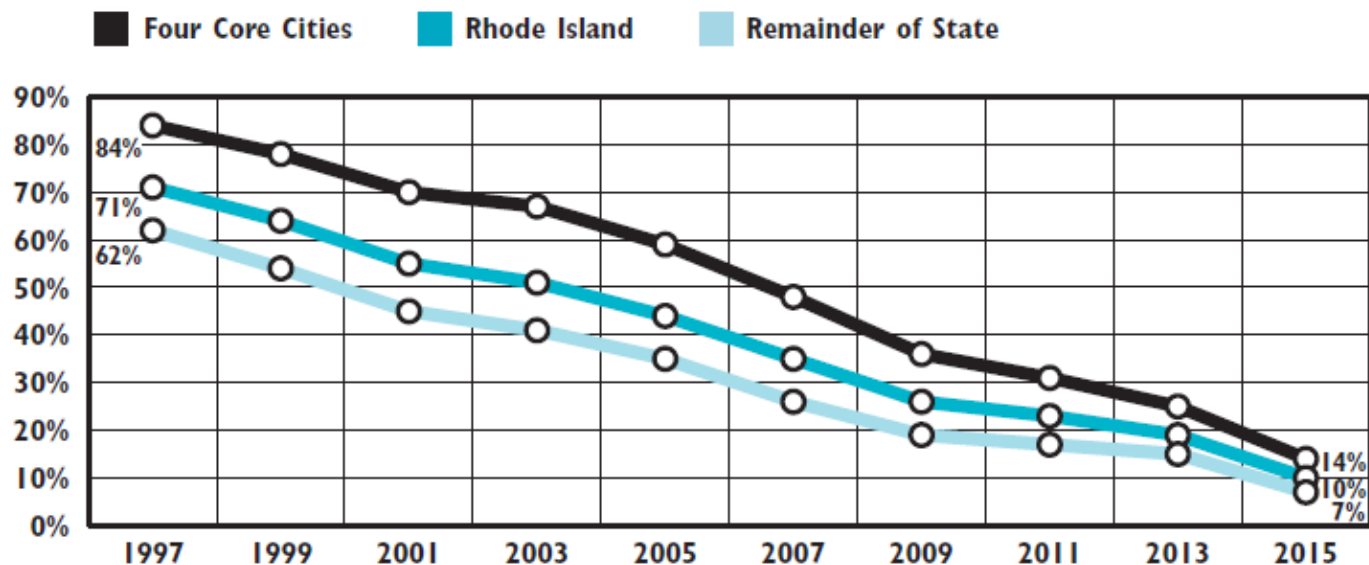
Infant Health Outcomes

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births
Central Falls	17.6%	11.5%	7.4%	4.6
Pawtucket	16.2%	12.0%	8.7%	6.8
Providence	19.2%	12.8%	9.1%	8.9
Woonsocket	16.1%	12.5%	10.0%	7.7
Four Core Cities	18.0%	12.5%	9.0%	8.0
Remainder of State	10.7%	9.8%	7.0%	5.3
Rhode Island	13.7%	10.9%	7.8%	6.4

- Central Falls has shown as decrease in the Infant Mortality Rate in recent years, but other outcomes have remained stable. Central Falls shows worse infant health outcomes than the state as a whole.

Children with Lead Poisoning

Children Entering Kindergarten with History of Elevated* Blood Lead Level Screening (≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$), Rhode Island, Four Core Cities, and Remainder of State, 1997-2015



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 1997 and 2015. *Elevated blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$.

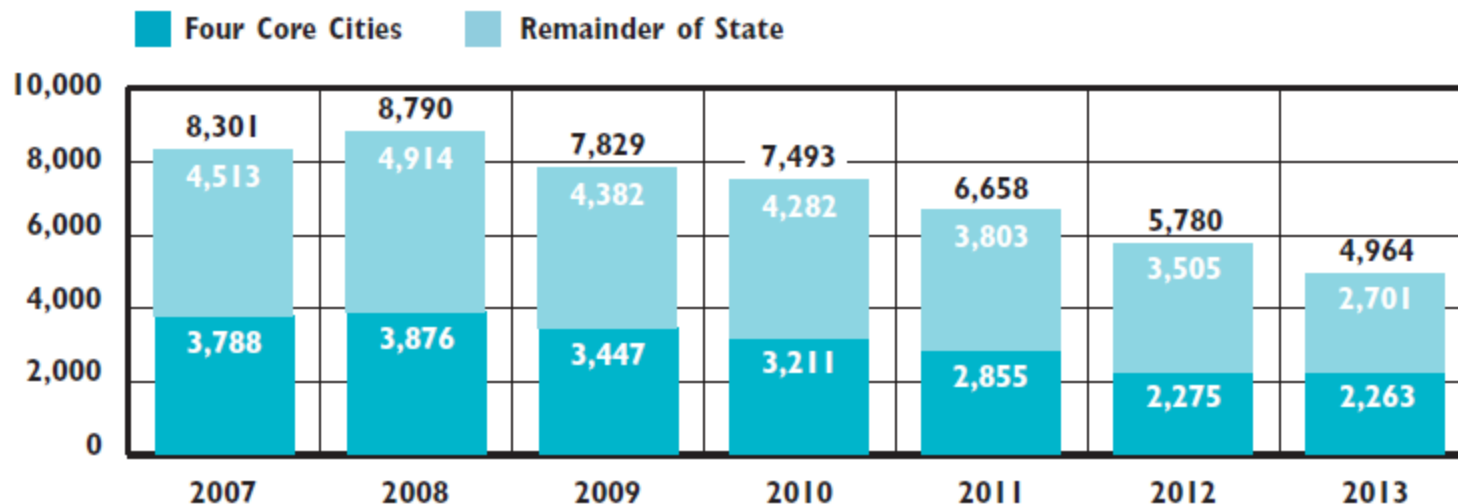
- **312 Central Falls children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015**
 - 34 (10.9%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 5 mcg/dL.



Safety

Juveniles Referred to Family Court

Juvenile Wayward/Delinquent Offenses Referred to Rhode Island Family Court, 2007-2013



- 45% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2007 to 2013

Juveniles Referred to Family Court

BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

24%	Status Offenses*	5%	Alcohol and Drug Offenses
22%	Property Crimes	5%	Violent Crimes
20%	Disorderly Conduct	4%	Motor Vehicle Offenses
11%	Simple Assault	3%	Weapons Offenses
		6%	Other**

n=4,964

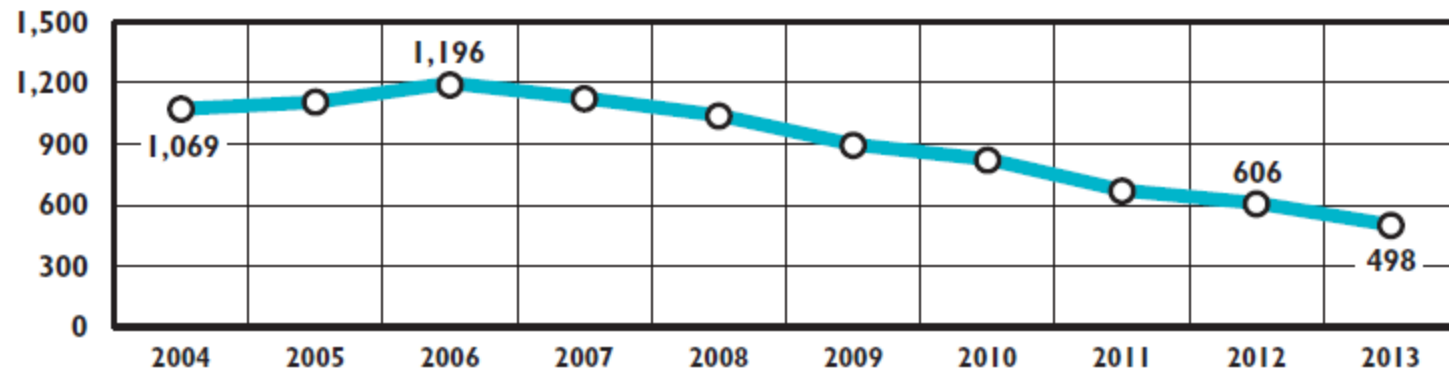
**Status offenses are age-related acts that would not be punishable if the offender were an adult, such as truancy and disobedient conduct.*

***Other includes offenses such as conspiracy, crank/obscene phone calls, computer crimes and possession of a manipulative device for automobiles, etc. Probation violations, contempt of court, and other violations of court orders are not included in the offenses above.*

- 5% (260) of offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2013 involved violent offenses.

Juveniles at the Training School

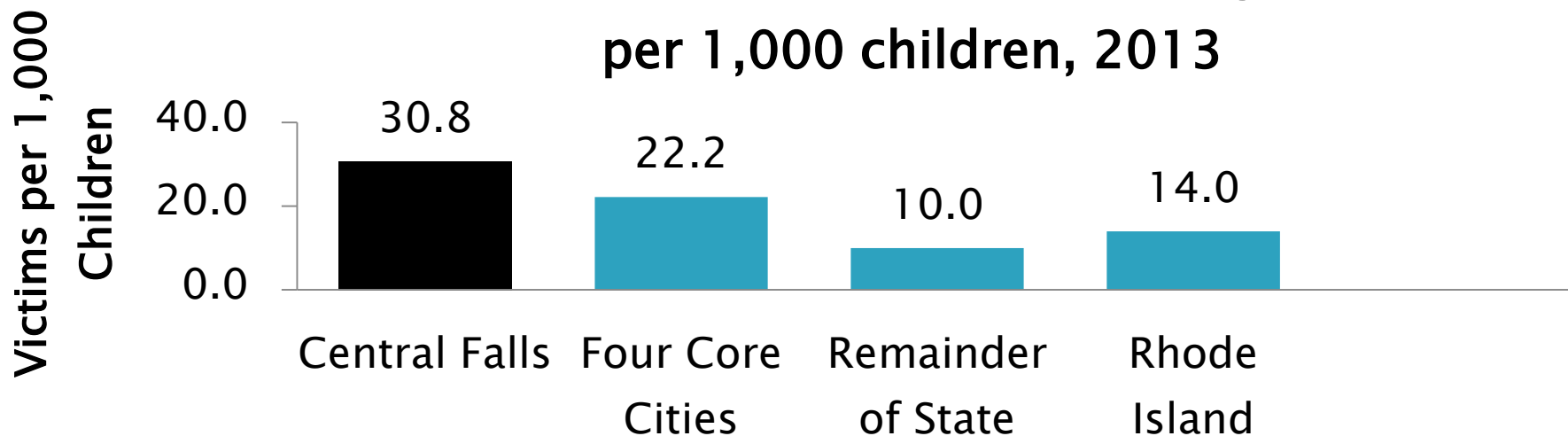
Juveniles in the Care and Custody of
the Rhode Island Training School, Calendar Years 2004-2013



- 498 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2013, down from 1,069 in 2004.
- In 2008, the Rhode Island General Assembly instituted a cap on the number of youth at the Training School. On any given day, the limit is 148 boys and 12 girls.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 children, 2013



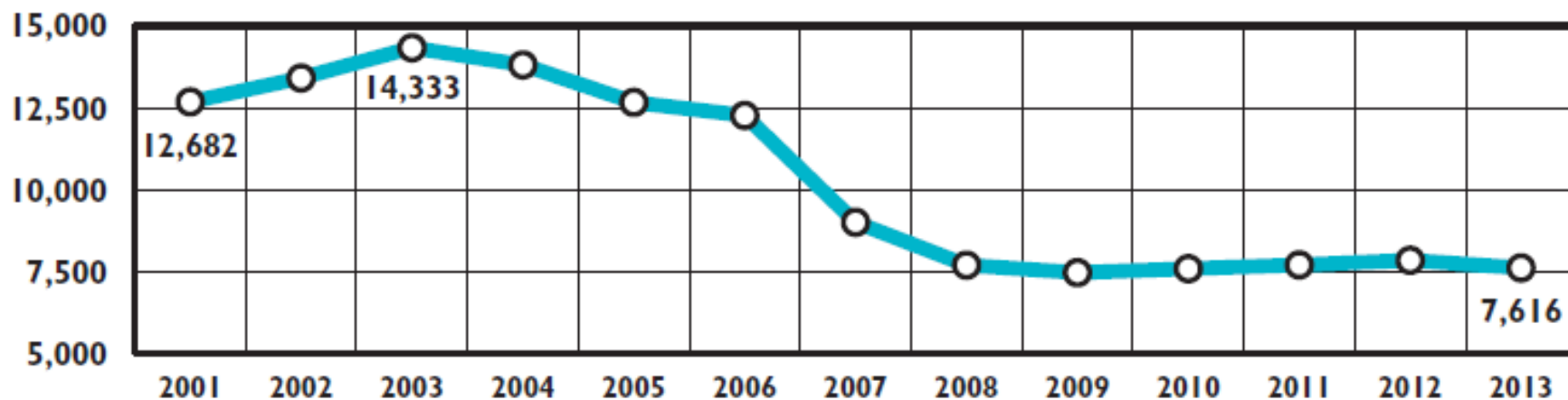
- The child abuse and neglect victim rate in Central Falls is the second highest in the state.
- Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (79%).



Education

Child Care Subsidies

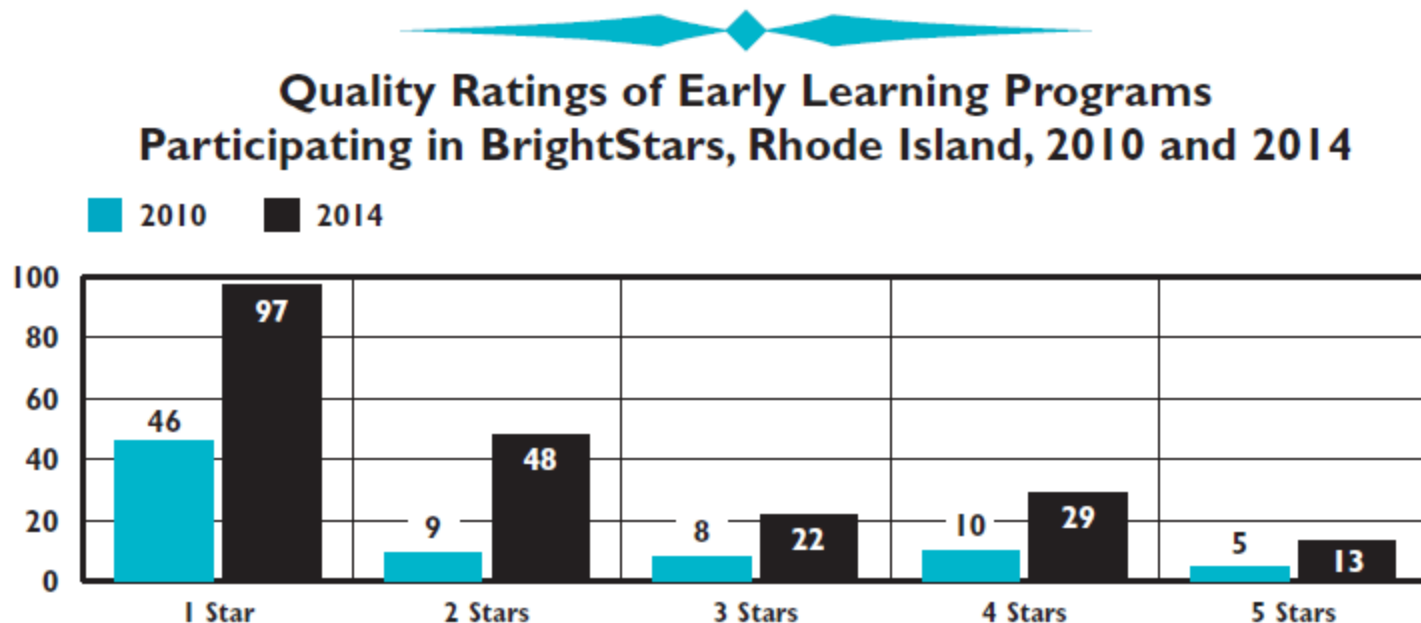
Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2013



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001-December 2013.

- Since peaking in 2003, there has been a 47% decrease in the number of child care subsidies available.

Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars



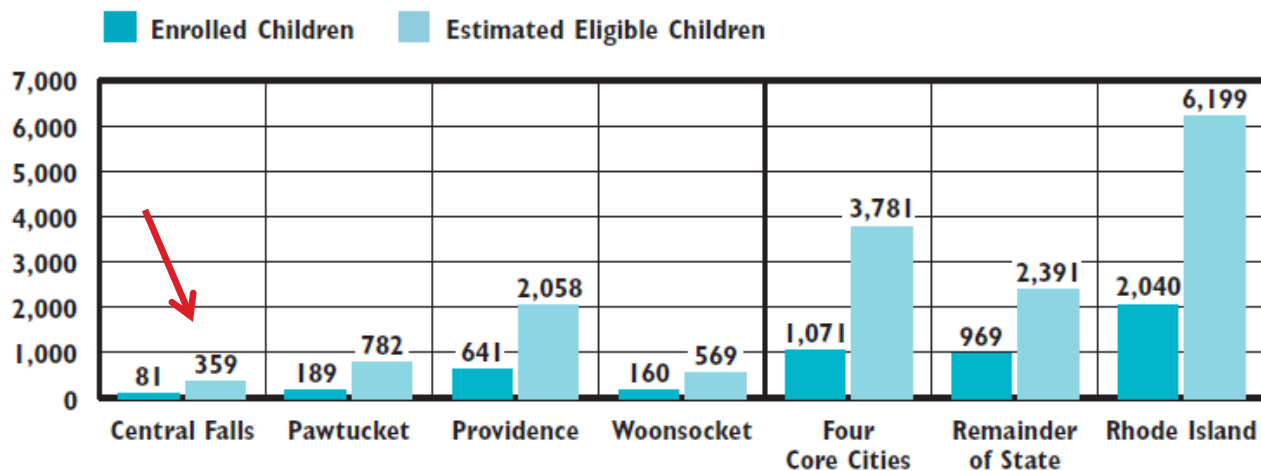
Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children, 2010 and 2014.

In Central Falls

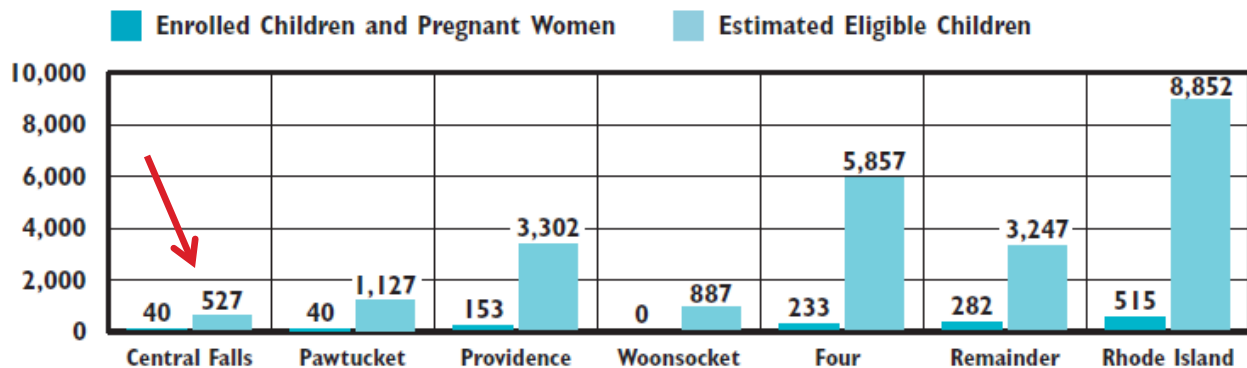
- 100% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
 - 33% have a quality rating
- 95% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
 - 29% have a quality rating

Head Start and Early Head Start

Access to Head Start for Low-Income Children, Rhode Island, 2013

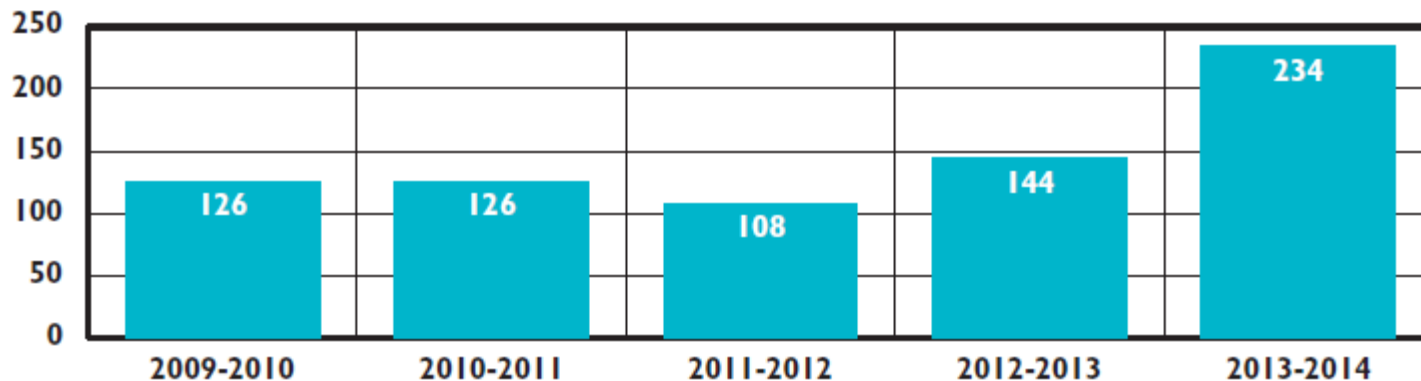


Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2013



Children Enrolled in State Pre-K

Rhode Island State Pre-K Funded Slots, 2009-2010 through 2013-2014

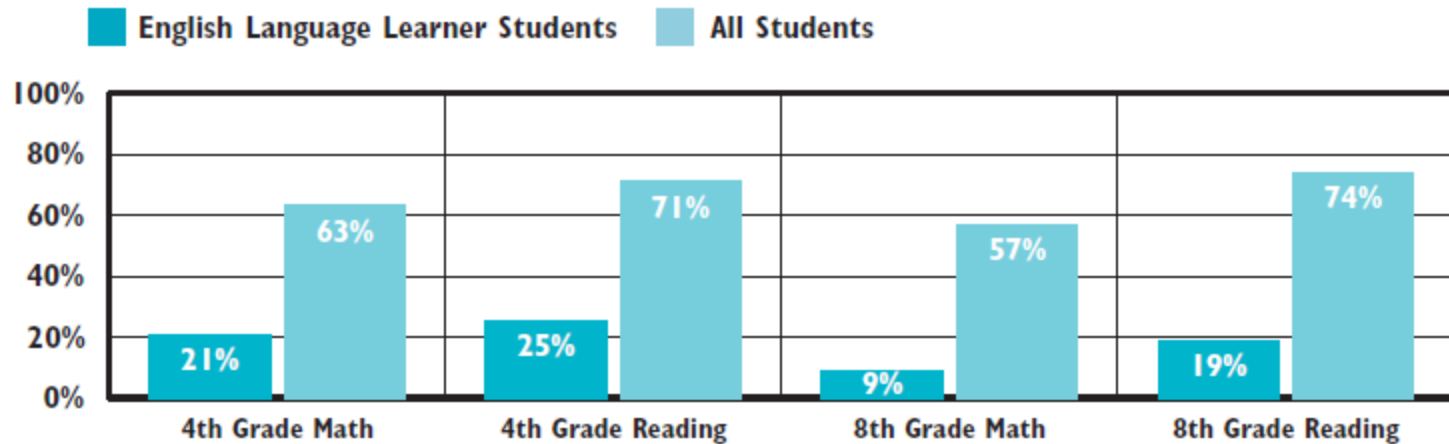


Sources: National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), *The state of preschool 2010, 2011, 2012*.
Rhode Island Department of Education, State Pre-K programs 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

- During the 2013–2014 school year, 18 Central Falls children were enrolled in the State Pre-K program.

English Language Learners

Current English Language Learners' Mathematics and Reading Proficiency, Rhode Island, 2013

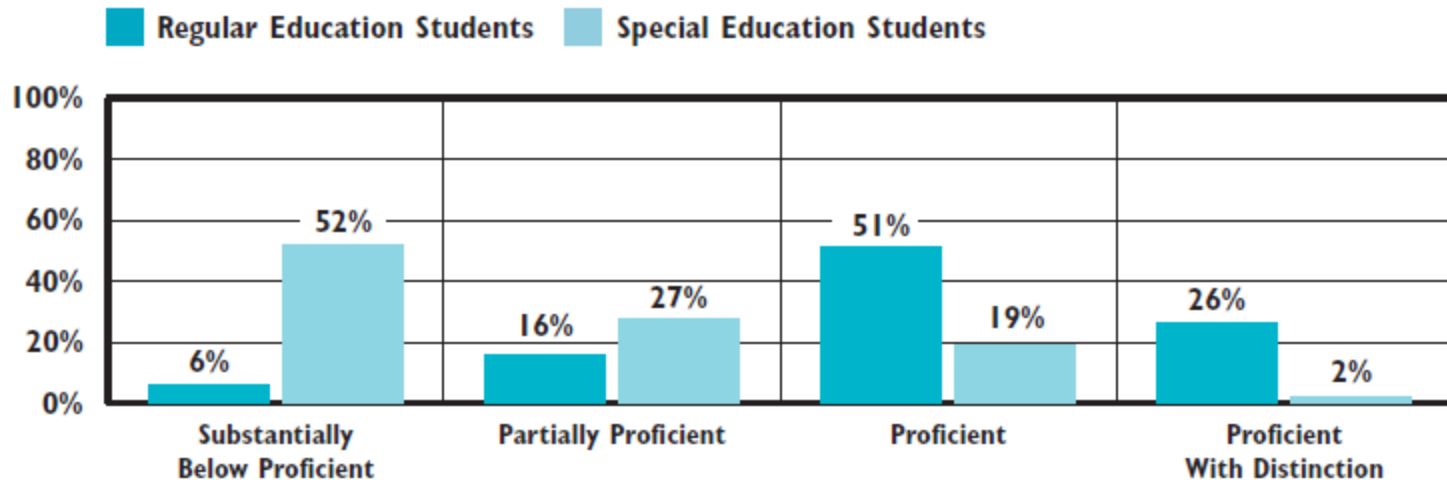


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2013.

- As of the 2012–2013 school year, 27% of Central Falls students are classified as ELL students, the highest in the state.

Children Enrolled in Special Education

4th-Grade Reading Proficiency Rates, by Special Education Status, Rhode Island, 2013



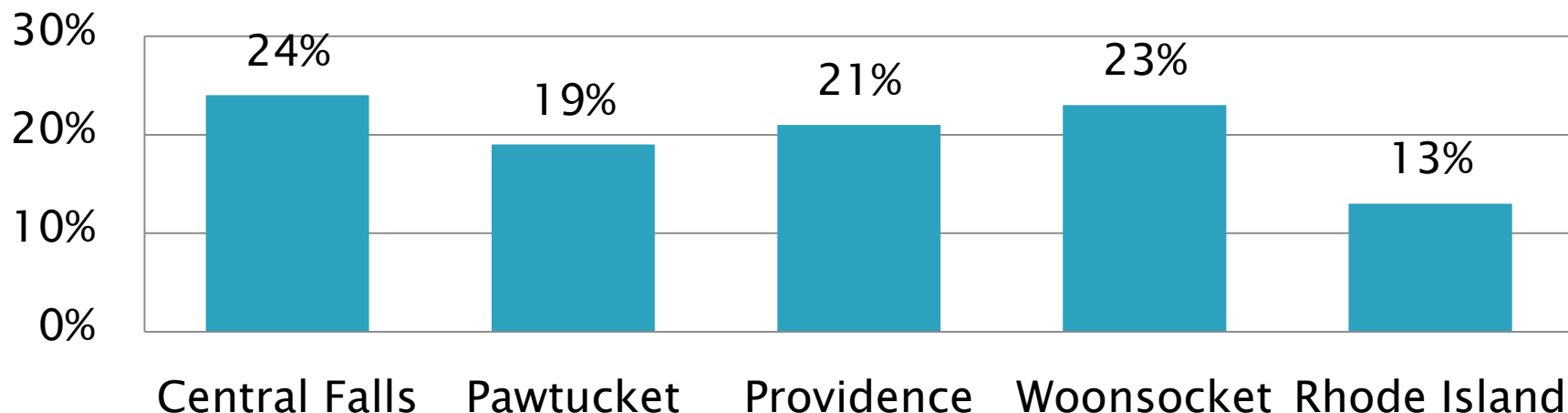
Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2013.

- During the 2012–2013 school year, 23% of Central Falls students were enrolled in special education, compared to 17% in the state as a whole.

Student Mobility Rate

Student Mobility Rate*

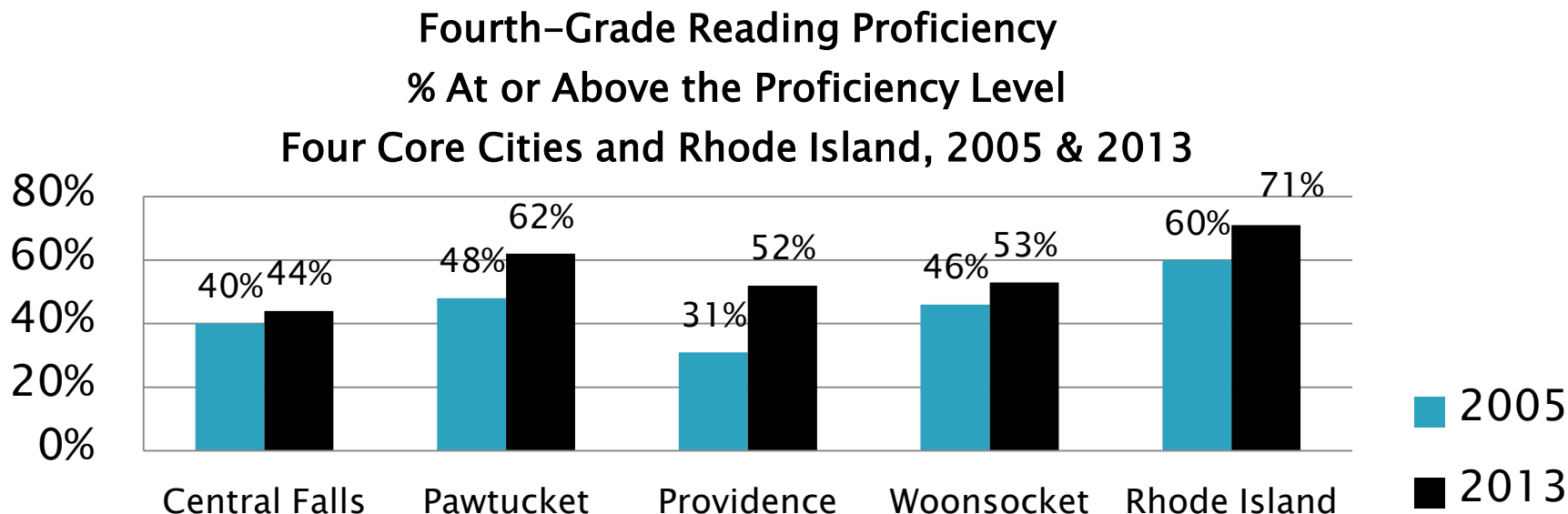
Four Core Cities and Rhode Island 2012–2013



- Central Falls has the highest student mobility rate in the state.

*The mobility rate is the total children enrolled and exited during a year divided by the total year's enrollment.

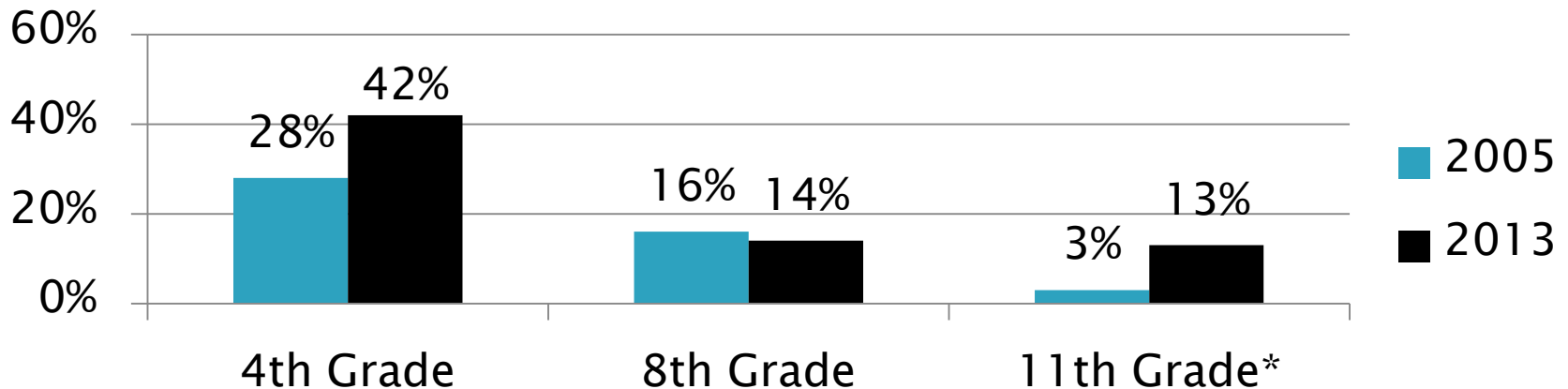
Fourth-Grade Reading Skills



- Between 2005 and 2013, Central Falls 4th grade reading proficiency rate did not increase as much as the rate in the other core cities or the state as a whole.
- The reading proficiency rate remains well below the state rate.

Math Skills

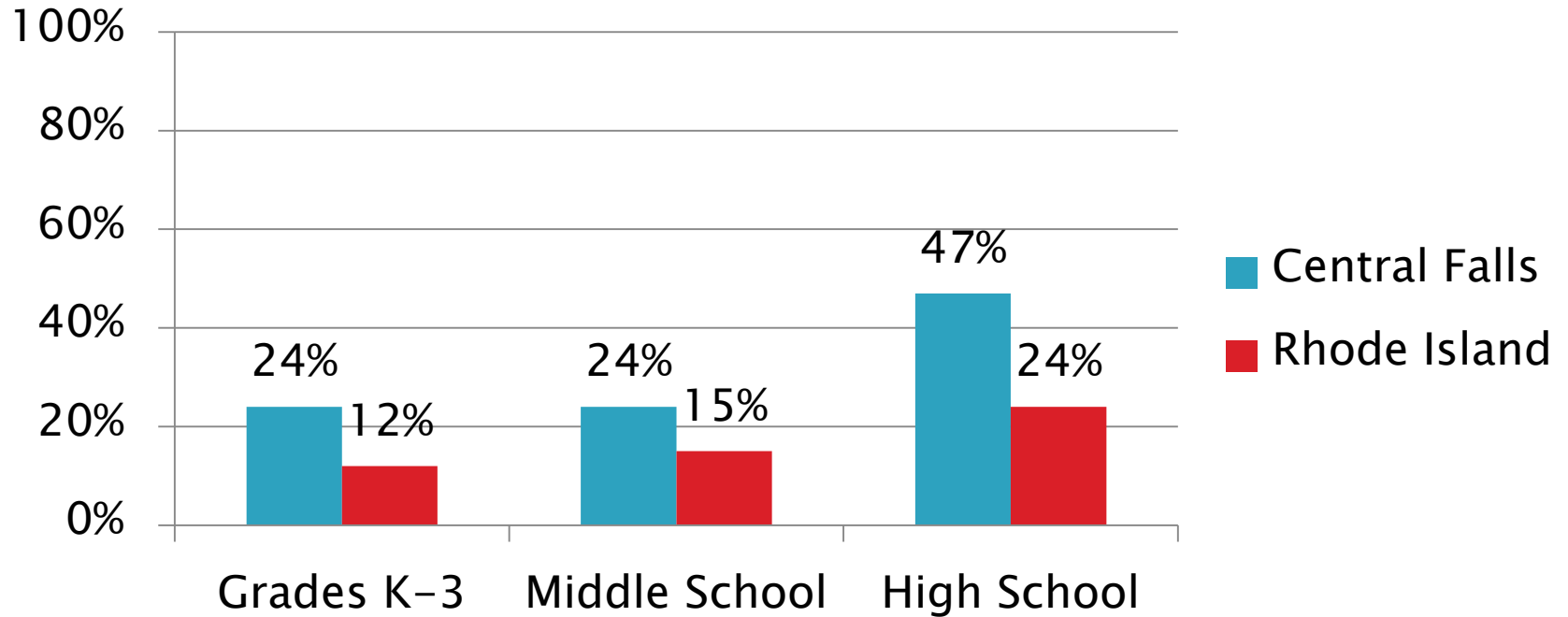
Math Proficiency, Central Falls, 2005 and 2013



*Note: 3% proficient in 2007, not 2005. 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the *NECAP*.

- Central has seen some improvement in math proficiency at the 4th and 11th grade levels, but not at the 8th grade level.
- Central Falls has the lowest math proficiency rates in the state for 8th and 11th grade.

Chronic Absence, 2012–2013



- Central Falls' chronic absence rates are higher than the state rate at all school levels.
- Strategies are in place to address this problem.

School Suspensions

Disciplinary Actions, Rhode Island Public Schools, 2012-2013

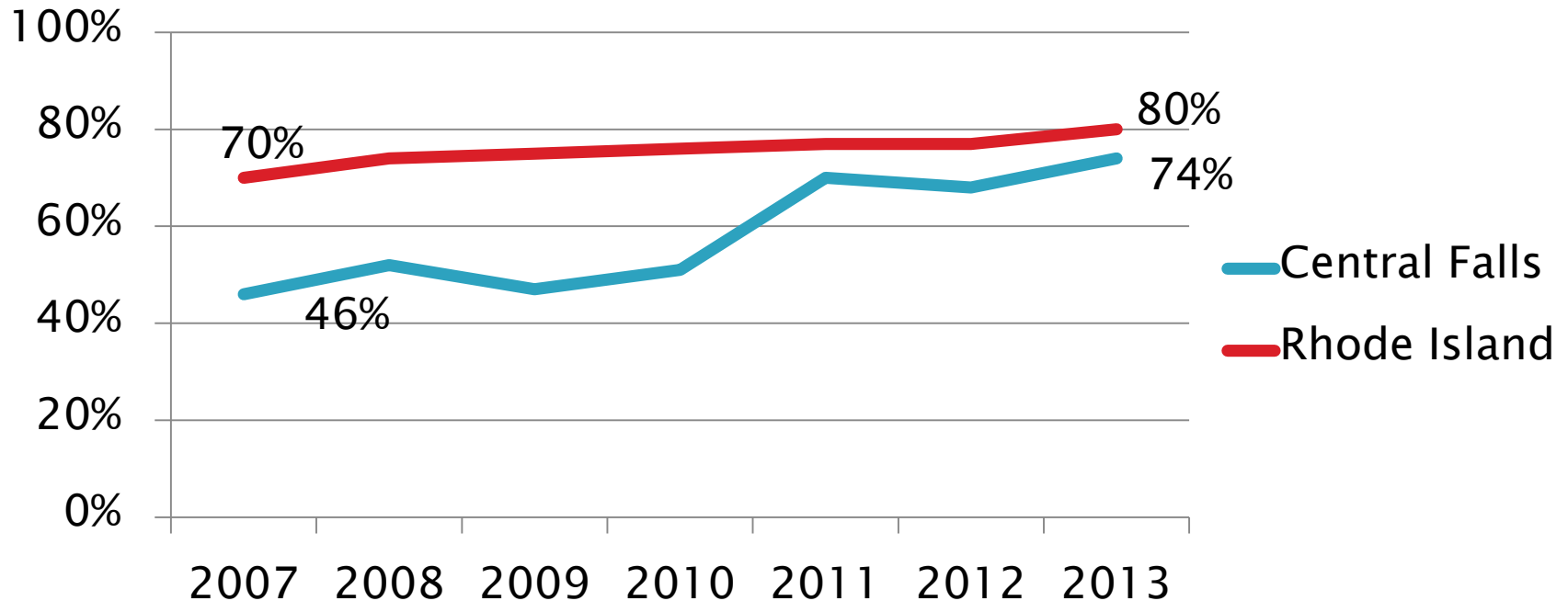
BY TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	BY TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	8,891	28%	Assault of Student or Teacher	1,498	5%
Attendance Offenses	7,628	24%	Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	889	3%
Disorderly Conduct	5,459	17%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	600	2%
Fighting	2,527	8%	Communications/Electronic Devices	505	2%
Obscene/Abusive Language	1,841	6%	Weapon Possession	284	1%
Harassment/Intimidation/Threat	1,628	5%	Other Offenses	546	2%
			TOTAL	32,296	

**Harassment offenses include hazing and hate crimes. Assault offenses include sexual assault. Other offenses include cheating/plagiarism, fire regulation violations, sexual misconduct, trespassing, forgery, as well as disciplinary actions where the infraction is missing or not specified.*

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- During the 2012–2013 school year, there were 57 out-of-school suspensions.
- Strategies in place to reduce out-of-school suspensions and improve school climate.

High School Graduation Rate, 2007–2013



- Since 2007, Central Falls has experienced the largest increase in its graduation rate of any district in the state.
- The Central Falls 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2013 was 74%, the dropout rate was 15%, 2% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 9% were still in school in the fall of 2013.

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